



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE MEDIA ALERT

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CITIZENS GRADUATE FROM HFD CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY

WHAT: Graduation ceremony of citizens from the HFD Citizens' Fire Academy Class 14.

WHEN: Tonight, April 26, 2007 at 7pm

WHERE: The Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund Center, 4225 Interwood N. Parkway off JFK.

DETAILS: Assistant Fire Chief Omero Longoria will congratulate citizens for successfully completing the fire department's 14th Citizens' Fire Academy.

The twelve-week course, which meets every Thursday night, provided participants with an overview of the major units within the department as well as a general overview of firefighting and emergency medical services. Experienced fire and emergency medical personnel teach the Citizen's Fire Academy curriculum. Participants also experienced firsthand what firefighters and paramedics do during a tour of duty.

Upon graduation, the citizens may join the Citizens' Fire Academy Alumni Association a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization whose members have donated more than 6000 hours of volunteer time with and for the Houston Fire Department including such areas as Hurricane Katrina and Rita, Rehab, smoke alarm installations and various ceremonies and programs. The next academy will begin in September 2007. Additional information may be found on the HFD website at www.houstonfire.org.

*Please note, this is not the academy for those wishing to become firefighters. For more information on becoming a Houston firefighter, citizens may visit the HFD website at www.houstonfire.org or call our recruiting office at 713-495-4266.